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SUBJECT: EU membership to GRECO
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TEXT:

GRECO is the Council of Europe's anti-corruption body composed of all CoE member states and the USA, which does good work and of which reports and instruments the Commission has been able to make good use in its own work and reports relating to anti-corruption.

In its General Activity Report for 2014, GRECO is very concerned about the lack of progress the EU is making in speeding up its efforts to become a full member of this organisation. It states: " By joining GRECO as a full member, the EU will add credibility to its Anti-Corruption Report and efforts to address corruption, including within the institutions of the EU." Not only GRECO itself, but also the JHA Council already stated in its conclusions of 5-6 June that it urged " the Commission to include in future reports a review of the integrity policies put in place in the EU institutions and for the full accession of the EU to the GRECO."

1. When does the Commission intend to become a full member of GRECO, is the Commission prepared to set an ambitious date, such as before the end of 2015?
2. How does the Commission intend to report to the European Parliament on its activities to combat and prevent corruption within the European institutions?

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